

# Claims

[c1] What is claimed is:

An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:

at least one abrader;

a post configured to engage a disk hole; and,

means for coupling said at least one abrader to said post.

[c2] An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:

at least one abrader;

a post configured to engage a disk hole;

a case bottom coupled with said at least one abrader and said post;

at least one pad;

a post guide; and

a case top formed to hold a disk against said at least one pad wherein said case bottom and said case top are configured to rotate about an axis defined by said post and said post guide when said case bottom and said case top are engaged.

[c3] The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising an ejector

hole.

- [c4] The apparatus of claim 2 further comprising at least one disk latch.
- [c5] The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said case top and said case bottom further comprise a non-slip surface.
- [c6] The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said non-slip surface comprises finger grooves.
- [c7] The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said case bottom is configured to hold particulate until said case top and said case bottom are disengaged.
- [c8] A method for degrading the information bearing capabilities of a disk comprising:
  - placing a disk in a case top;
  - engaging said case top to a case bottom;
  - applying inward pressure to said case top and to said case bottom;
  - rotating said case top with respect to said case bottom;
  - abrading said disk;
- [c9] The method of claim 8 further comprising:
  - disengaging said case top from said case bottom;
  - ejecting said disk; and,
  - emptying said case bottom of particulate.

- [c10] An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:  
an abrader;  
an abrader arm;  
a post support; and,  
a post coupled with said post support coupled with said abrader arm coupled with said abrader configured to abrade a disk placed against said abrader when said disk is placed on said post and rotated about an axis defined by said post.
- [c11] A method for degrading the information bearing capabilities of a disk comprising:  
placing a disk against an abrader;  
coupling said disk to a post;  
applying inward pressure to a post support and said abrader;  
rotating said disk about an axis defined by said post;  
abrading said disk.
- [c12] The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
decoupling said disk from said post; and  
disposing of said disk.
- [c13] An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:

means for placing a disk in a case top;  
means for engaging said case top to a case bottom;  
means for applying inward pressure to said case top and to said case bottom;  
means for rotating said case top with respect to said case bottom; and,  
means for abrading said disk.

[c14] The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:  
means for disengaging said case top from said case bottom;  
means for ejecting said disk; and,  
means for emptying said case bottom of particulate.

[c15] An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:  
means for placing a disk against an abrader;  
means for placing said disk on a post;  
means for applying inward pressure to a post support and said abrader;  
means for rotating said disk about an axis defined by said post;  
means for abrading said disk; and,  
means for decoupling said disk from said post.